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National Freedom of Information Center
U.S. EPA, Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch
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Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive# **20140589EPA003**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request the following:

All documents including, but not limited to, memos of conversation, biographical reports, position reports, and summit preparation and conclusion documents, relating to the meeting of the Gore-Chernomyrdin commission, of which EPA Administrator Carol Browner was a member, in Moscow in July of 1996. Please do not include media coverage.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

As a representative of the news media, the National Security Archive qualifies for "representative of the news media" status under 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and, therefore, may not be charged and review fees. (See *National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381 Cir. 1989), *cert denied*, 110 S.Ct. 1478 (1990)). This request is made as part of a scholarly and research project that is intended for publication and is not for commercial use. For details on the Archive's research and extensive publication activities please see our website at www.nsarchive.org.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. Please notify me before incurring any photocopying costs over \$100. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000 or email me at foiamail@gwu.edu. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period.

Sincerely yours,

Svetlana Savranskaya